

Appl. No. 10/691,390
Amdt. dated January 28, 2005
Further Reply to Office Action of September 30, 2004

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Reconsideration of this application is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-4, 6-10, and 12 are pending in the application with claims 5, 11, and 13 having been canceled, and claims 1, 2, 6, 7 and 12 having been amended.

New claim 13 is former claim 5 rewritten in independent form incorporating the features of claim 1 upon which claim 5 was dependent. Claim 5 has been canceled.

In the response to the Office Action of September 30, 2004, it was stated, "The specification has been amended to correct two erroneous references to previous examples in the specification." This statement was in error and should be disregarded. The undersigned, in the preparation of the amendment, employed a response to an Office Action in an unrelated case as a model for formal aspects. Material appearing in the model that was specific to that case was deleted, but, unfortunately, the sentence referred to above was inadvertently overlooked. The undersigned regrets and apologizes for any inconvenience his error may have caused the Examiner and the Patent Office.

In a telephone call on January 26, 2005, the Examiner indicated that the claims would be allowable if the language "at elevated temperature" and "at least 50°C" were changed to a temperature range specifying upper and lower limits. Accordingly, claims 1 and 7 have been amended to read on "... an elevated temperature in the range of from about 50°C to about 200°C ...". Support for this amendment appears in the specification on page 9, at lines 3-4. Claims 6 and 12, which are directed to an elevated temperature in the range of from about 120° to about 160° C, have been amended to depend upon claims 1 and 7, respectively.

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In view of the foregoing, it is submitted that this application is now in condition for allowance and an early Office Action to that end is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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